

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA**

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SHORTFALL IN SUPPLY OF PETROLEUM PRODUCTS

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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have asked Reliance Petroleum and Mangalore Refineries and Petrochemicals Limited to ramp up production to bridge any shortfalls in supplies of petroleum products that may occur due to three-day strike by employees of HPCL and BPCL;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if so, the extent to which the Reliance and MRPL have been able to bridge the shortfalls of petroleum products?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a) to (c) : During the strike period, BPCL uplifted products from Reliance Petroleum Limited (RPL) and Mangalore Refineries and Petrochemicals Limited (MRPL) as per the Industry Plan (ILP) that was planned in the beginning of the month. Product Inventories were maintained as desired without any reduction in level. Marketing demand was met in full except partial dry out at some retail outlets of Kolkatta due to non-supply of product as filling of lorries were obstructed by lorry crews. HPCL refineries at Mumbai & Visakhapatnam were operated without any disruption during the three days of strike. There was no shortfall in supplies of products during this period.